

## Forestry Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 1/13/2016

Attending: Lucas Titus, Frank Mileham, Jay Fazio, Russ Forsburg, John Davis, David Greene, Tim Baker

### Agenda:

I. Introduction and Program Update: Tim announced the program had just received a \$1500 donation from the Michael Mason Foundation and then proceeded to give an overview of the current program status and changes since the last Advisory Committee meeting.

A. Enrollment: Tim gave statistics about enrollment which remains strong through all the FNR courses at the Eureka site but still low at the K-T (Hoopa) site. Spring enrollment is > 90% of capacity for the FNR courses a week before classes begin (185 total seats with only 18 open). New associate faculty are teaching the FNR 77 and FNR 65 courses but FNR 10 had to be cancelled because of lack of an instructor.

B. Program Review: Tim reported on the annual program review document which highlighted the continued strength of the program overall but noted a couple of shortcomings that were in the plan but not completed yet, namely curriculum revisions for the geospatial courses to match HSU because of the lack of adjunct faculty expertise. The program review committee gave meets or exemplary marks for all the sections of the report. The committee suggested on tracking transfers and those completing the Science-Exploration degree rather than the FNR degree which faculty will explore.

C. Curriculum: Tim reported the curriculum is current with new revisions to the FNR 10 and 60 courses to gain HSU articulation and reported that FNR 1 now articulates with HSU's EMP 105. The geospatial courses updates are planned but incomplete awaiting new faculty coordination. The committee also agreed with faculty plans to develop a broader based NR degree to capture the Science-Exploration degree completers.

The committee also revisited the topic of transportation to field sites for labs. A number of alternatives were discussed given limitations of California law and funding. Frank suggested pursuing a Headwaters Fund grant to purchase vans/Explorers or gain access to the Ag Dept. Vans.

II. New Faculty Search: Tim reported that the College approved a new faculty position for FNR and the job search had just opened. Russ asked that a copy of the brochure be forwarded to the Committee for wider distribution to get as deep an applicant pool as possible.

Tim also asked for a volunteer to serve as the Advisory Committee member on the Search Committee – John volunteered and the Committee agreed.

The committee also discussed moving forward with accreditation (handout) by the SAF and addressing weaknesses in the current curriculum with a woods safety course and job supervision being the obvious holes. Frank mentioned the Pro-Logger training for first-aid and CPR as a model to use. Community Education courses were suggested as a path to offering Chainsaw safety and OHV training as well as first-aid without impacting the current credits required for the degree.

III. Committee structure: Tim handed out the College policy on Advisory Committees for the group to review and mentioned the weaknesses in current structure with Tim both conducting the meeting and trying to report and take minutes. The Committee selected Lucas Titus as the Chair and asked Tim to look for options with regards to minutes.